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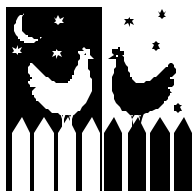
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak in the Northeast, mostly steady elsewhere. Demand was mostly light to fair, as dealers in the Northeast access their needs following the snowstorm. Food service was moderate to fairly good, best for feature activity and into fast food channels. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs, except in the east where larger sizes were readily available. In the parts structure, wings were in close balance and clearing. Other items were adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to light, mostly moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 62.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 57.25 cents last year on the 8th of March, 2000.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

BREASTS - B/S	145.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50
LEG QUARTERS	23.50
WINGS	93.50

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 03/03/01	2001	2000
EGGS SET	184,700	184,181
CHICKS PLACED	143,973	141,126
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		0
		+02

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 185 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 3, 2001. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 144 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 3, 2001. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through March 3, 2001 were 1.29 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 14-Apr-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 148.3 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 146.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 150.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 155.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.21 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN The market tone was steady. Offerings were adequate. Buyers' needs focused on regular commitments as interest in additional product slow to develop. Retail demand light to moderate by stores best where featured and moderate to fairly good by restaurants best by fast food. Floor stocks adequate.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where feature activity was planned or in progress. Supplies were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to available. Wings were in close balance and clearing satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Additional offerings were moderate for the limited and cautious dealer interest. Retail movement remained seasonal with scattered features present. Food service demand was moderate to occasionally fairly good, best where promotions active. Floor stocks were in close balance with sizes mostly desirable. Offerings of parts items were sufficient for trade needs with wings well cleared. The market tone was fully steady on wings, cautiously steady on whole breasts and steady on the balance.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was only light to fair today as dealers assessed the market and limited purchases to standing commitments. Offerings of all sizes were usually available, although, the 3.5 pound and larger sizes were noted in the longer position and often discounted to stimulate sales. Movement into retail and distributive channels was mostly light, with better interest noted into spot refill activity. The market tone was barely steady to weak, with the larger birds in the weakest position. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were readily available, and boneless-skinless breasts more than sufficient. Drums and thighs were at least adequate, and wings continued to clear well.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive with the bulk of activity as a result of previous commitments. Offerings reduced by recent cutbacks in production were fully adequate to ample, particularly on the 3.5 and 4 pound sizes. Live supplies were moderate to light; weights were mixed in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 58 to 72 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Boneless skinless and bone-in breasts were irregularly balanced but where in excess slow to clear. Other cuts were in good balance to closely cleared.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	50-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	61.24
NO. OF BOXES	13,542

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MARCH 07, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	883	120.00-210.00	140-150	144.64
TENDERLOINS	168	140.00-215.00	140-145	148.93
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	88	75.00-82.00	79-80	78.20
LEGS	106	30.00-40.00	30-33	31.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	339	16.00-20.00	18-19	18.35
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,464	18.00-25.00	22-23	22.14
WINGS (WHOLE)	303	89.00-95.00	90-91	93.59
WINGS (CUT)	569	87.00-118.00	104-106	106.24
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	87	26.50-40.00	-	27.59
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	883	120.00-210.00	140-150	162.86
TENDERLOINS	62	140.00-215.00	140-145	165.97
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	128	75.50-84.00	-	79.47
LEGS	106	30.00-40.00	30-33	31.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	339	16.00-20.00	17-18	17.05
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,536	18.00-25.00	21-23	21.84
WINGS (WHOLE)	263	91.00-95.00	-	94.29
WINGS (CUT)	570	87.00-118.00	104-106	108.18
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	108	82.00-93.00	-	88.39

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
46.00 - 51.00	48.28	45.75-52.00	48.26	48.68

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to moderate as dealers cautiously assessed the market, however, occasional pick-up was noted where delivery delays were now being covered. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate, and bone-in breasts were available and often at discounted levels. Drums and thighs were about adequate, and wings continued to clear well. Movement through retail channels was mostly fair, with best interest noted into refill. Renewed demand through restaurant lines had yet to surface. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak on bone-in breasts, fully steady on wings, about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ITEM	MARCH 06, 2001		VOL/LBS
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	135	137.72	537,680
TENDERLOINS	130-135	138.33	124,943
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	76.74	263,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	70.98	243,800
LEGS	32-33	36.44	242,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.66	775,658
DRUMSTICKS	28-29	34.75	175,510
THIGHS	29-30	33.55	162,520
B/S THIGHS	90-91	93.25	50,070
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	96.90	335,510
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	63,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.38	52,980
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.96	83,100

ITEM	MARCH 07, 2001		VOL/LBS
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	135	137.86	590,240
TENDERLOINS	130-135	135.02	79,540
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	78.52	470,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	69.64	215,200
LEGS	32-33	36.34	204,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.15	560,845
DRUMSTICKS	28-29	34.77	145,420
THIGHS	29-30	34.71	100,800
B/S THIGHS	90-91	93.19	52,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	97.24	408,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.91	71,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.33	63,130
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.97	81,200

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	03/07	03/06	03/05	03/02	03/05	03/02	02/28	02/26		
ALA	3,788	3,682	3,682	3,615	5.11	4.82	3,408	5.09		
ARK	5,314	5,204	4,966	4,407	4.95	4.59	4,951	4.95		
DELMARVA	2,297	1,982	2,175	2,090	5.01	4.94	2,318	5.07		
KY-LA-TN	1,850	1,897	2,002	1,921	4.56	4.38	1,850	4.38		
MISS	2,643	2,735	2,738	2,756	5.06	4.77	2,653	4.97		
NC	2,283	2,577	2,375	2,541	5.79	5.46	2,525	5.77		
TEXAS	2,184	2,303	2,286	2,502	5.04	4.79	2,116	4.95		
TOTAL	20,359	20,380	20,224	19,832	5.07	4.81	19,821	5.04		
MON-WED 61,444(A)							60,523(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Mar 01 and is estimated to be 30,459,000 down 2.29 percent from a week ago and up 1.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,151,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139

RABBITS-WHOLE
RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-98
	DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-111
	DRY PACK	116
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
	DRY PACK	91
DUCKS		152-172

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING MAR 10-01

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/10/01 (1)	03/03/01
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	154,165 (2)	152,244
LT HENS	2,007	1,873
HVY HENS	1,350	1,340
CHECK TOTAL	157,522	155,457

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Mar-01 is 151.3 million head compared to 157.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.5 million head or 3.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 17-Mar-01 the estimated available is 152.7 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 5-Mar-01	103,505	61,446
AM 1-Feb-01	93,548	74,972
CHG	9,957	-13,526
PCT CHG	11	-18

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	03/05/01	02/26/01	03/06/00	03/05/01	02/26/01	03/06/00
PACIFIC						
COAST	4,868	4,731	11,779	6,317	6,096	12,541
LOS						
ANGELES	151	104	147	2,515	2,266	3,257

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 03/06/01

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	.50	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.40	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	.80	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.60	.85	.75	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	-	.20	-	RABBITS ea.	.50	1.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	2.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	3.10	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 15

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2001

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-62
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending March 2, 2001

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	48.87	122.17	70.49	18.80	3.29	42.29
High	51.69	131.57	79.88	28.19	4.70	49.34
Mostly	49.81	122.17	70.49	18.80	3.29	44.64
SAN JUAN						
Low	53.57	122.17	75.18	23.50	4.70	43.23
High	55.92	145.67	93.98	37.59	8.46	46.52
Mostly	54.98	136.27	79.88	30.54	5.64	44.64
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	49.81	117.48	70.49	14.10	3.29	42.29
High	54.04	131.57	79.88	23.50	4.70	46.99
Mostly	53.57	122.17	70.49	18.80	3.29	42.29
BECERRA						
Low	51.69	117.48	75.18	23.50	4.70	42.29
High	56.39	145.67	93.98	35.24	8.46	46.05
Mostly	54.51	140.97	89.28	28.19	7.05	44.64

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